

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

October 30<sup>th</sup>  
& 31st, 2021

Thirty First  
Sunday  
in Ordinary Time



Mass Times:  
Saturdays at 5:30pm  
& Sundays at 10:45am

Please join us for the  
Rosary before  
Sunday mass at 10am.

Join us after  
10:45 mass for  
refreshments and  
fellowship

## The Parochial Vicar's Point of View –(PV)<sup>2</sup>

BAM! Imagine I punched my imaginary brother (not my real brother, of course!) in the nose. Now in this scenario, let's just say he did not deserve it... I did it out of malice. What are the effects of this malicious act? Well, for one, he has a broken nose. Two, he is now very mad at me (so are my parents!). It has affected me too. I am now a bit meaner, a bit more cold-hearted. I also remember the little bit of pleasure I got from punching this imaginary brother in the nose. These are some of the effects that come about by my left-handed upper-cut to my brother's imaginary nose. But there is also the effect on my soul. We hear that the "wages of sin is death." This means that my serious sin has deadly effect on my eternal soul—unrepentant, I am in danger of going to hell.

What I have described above is the double-effect of sin: the effects of sin in time and space (aka the temporal effects of sin—the broken nose, the hurt relationships, the memory of it, etc.) and the effects of sin in eternity (which is eternal death).

And so what do I do? Well, of course I need to go to confession. And confession wipes clean the eternal effects of sin. I am no longer going to hell... thank God! However, what about those temporal effects... do they just disappear by going to confession? Of course not! My brother still has the broken nose, relationships are still hurt, I still have that memory of the punch. Those temporal effects in time and space need to be healed.

While we are still alive, there are various things that we can do to help heal those temporal effects of our sins. In addition to the necessary heartfelt apologies and acts of reparation, reception of the sacraments, acts of charity, the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, our devotions, uniting our sufferings with Christ's, and various other things can help to lessen these effects of our sins in time and space. It is great that we can do these things while still alive. But what happens when we die and those temporal effects still are lingering? Well, this is why we pray for the dead. We pray that Christ's sacrifice on the cross might bring purification to those who have died in His grace but still need further cleansing from those temporal effects of sin. This is what purgatory is—the process of Christ purifying those who have died in grace so that they might enter into the absolute perfection of heaven. The Church gives guidance on the types of prayers that might benefit the dead—and this includes offering Masses and gaining indulgences for those souls in purgatory. November, the month of the dead, is a perfect time to rededicate ourselves to praying for our deceased loved ones.

May God bless all of you!

In Christ,

Fr. Nick Redmond  
Parochial Vicar

## News & Announcements:

### Sharing Sunday:

Just a reminder **that next weekend November 7<sup>th</sup>** is Sharing Sunday.

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.

### SOUP'S ON: Fundraiser for St.

#### Francis Home:

Thursday November 4<sup>th</sup> from 4pm – 6pm. \$20 a ticket – Each to-go meal includes your choice of chef-prepared, made-from-scratch hot soup: • Chicken Noodle, • Beef Stew, or • New England Seafood Chowder Plus sides, a dessert, and a bonus dry soup mix to enjoy later. 100% of your donation will go directly to St. Francis Home! Call 804-741-8624 or visit [stmaryswoods.com/soup](http://stmaryswoods.com/soup) to make your reservation by November 1.

### Knights of Columbus News:

As the Month of the Most Holy Rosary winds down, the Knights of Columbus would like to remind everyone that the broken rosary collection is coming to an end- the last day will be Oct. 31st. Additionally, 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](mailto:charles.opalak@vcuhealth.org), Eddie Baird - [donnahbaird@yahoo.com](mailto:donnahbaird@yahoo.com) or Josh Lowry - [lowryj62@gmail.com](mailto:lowryj62@gmail.com) with questions.

### Kroger Rewards:

Are you a Kroger Shopper? You know the easiest way to give back to our community is to sign up for the Kroger Rewards Program.

Our # is St. Patrick's 89764.

### ALL SAINTS' DAY -NOVEMBER 1st

The Mass schedule for All Saints is as follows:

**St. John at 9 AM**

**St Peter at 12:05**

**St Patrick at 6 PM**

### ALL SOULS' DAY – November 2<sup>nd</sup>

November 2nd is the commemoration of All Faithful Departed, dovetails with November 1st, the feast of All Saints. **We will have Mass at 12:05 PM at St. Peter and a bilingual Mass at 7 PM at St. John's.**



### WEEKLY COLLECTION 10/23-24

	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$3,733.55
Budget	<u>\$3,750.00</u>
	(\$16.45)
	<u>Year to date</u>
Actual	\$59,100.12
Budget	<u>\$63,750.00</u>
	(\$4,649.88)

**Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving**

### MASS ATTENDANCE:

**Saturday 10/23: 44**

**Sunday 10/17: 112**

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### **SPC Emergency**

**# 804-402-1221:**

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