

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

February 12 & 13th 2022

Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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.

Message from the Administrator's Desk:

Coming Monday 14th February is the celebration of Valentine Day worldwide, and it is linked with the story of St. Valentine, a priest, and a physician in Rome. Valentine's priestly life kept him close to his people. He is known to have lived a courageous and faithful life which led to his martyrdom.

In an attempt to suppress Christianity without violence, Emperor Valerian issued an edict in 257 AD forbidding the clergy to celebrate the sacraments, and went ahead to strike at all Christians who gathered to celebrate, by attacking the priests. St. Valentine went about celebrating the sacraments irrespective of the Valerian edict which was still in force during the time of Emperor Claudius II who succeeded Valerian. He further decreed and forbade the men in the army from celebrating their marriages, because according to him, this made them inactive in war. St. Valentine opposed this decree by aiding the men and secretly celebrating marriages for them as he went about his priestly duty with zeal and courage. He was found out eventually and imprisoned by the Emperor.

While in prison, he became friends with his jailer who was called Asterius and his daughter, Julia, whom he healed from blindness. He performed many other miraculous cures and gave much wise counsel, especially to fellow prisoners. On February 14 in the year 269 AD, under the rule of Emperor Claudius, he was beaten with clubs and beheaded. Before his death, he is said to have written a letter to Julia and signed it, "From your Valentine."

In 496 AD, Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor St. Valentine with a memorial. However, the custom for sending "Valentines" or love notes had its origin probably in the ancient Roman feast of Lupercalia, a feast celebrated in honor of Juno, Queen of Roman gods and goddesses as well as women and marriage. Around this time, there was a popular belief that

halfway through the second month (February 14-15), birds began to mate. For this reason, the day was regarded especially consecrated to lovers.

From this backdrop, on Valentine Day nowadays, Christian couples could celebrate the day in a manner that befits their status as married people. This can be in the form of renewal of vows, emphasizing and reassuring the love they have for each other. Parents can express their love for their children and children their parents. Friends, relatives and loved ones should do same while society must show love and compassion to the poor, the lonely, the dejected and the unloved by way of visits and giving of gifts. It should be a day when all people are made to feel that they are loved and cherished by God and neighbors.

It is important to state that St. Valentine died for love of Christ and humanity. - Father Maxwell



**Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus
(Here we are, Holy Spirit)**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather in Your name. With You
alone to guide us, make Yourself at
home in our hearts; Teach us the way
we must go and how we are to pursue
it. We are weak and sinful;

do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the
wrong path nor partiality influence our
actions. Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to
eternal life and not stray from the way
of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work
in every place and time, in the
communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

News & Announcements:

Volunteer Opportunity in the Community

Volunteers are needed for Feed More/Meals on Wheels Positions available- Preparation, Meal Preparation Box Preparation, and Drivers. Scheduled days/Times begins on 2/28. Must be 18 and older Please contact- Natalie Battaglia 804-521-2500, mention which parish you are from.

COATS FOR KIDS

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their Coats for Kids campaign. Consider donating a new or clean/usable child's winter coat. All coats will benefit newly arrived refugee children that catholic charities are assisting. A box for donations will be in the church hall. Thank-you. Any questions contact Eddie Baird at 804-986-2898

Church Cleaning Ministry

We have had some response for our seeking folks to do light cleaning in the church. That said, we have 6 months filled & 6 months open so if you have any interest, please contact John Lo Re at 804-513-7173 or johnjlore@gmail.com.

Irish 🍀 Festival 2022

Meetings have started and will be on Sundays following 10:45 mass in Church Kitchen. Festival Scheduled dates March 25, 26 & 27 Hope to see everyone! For information Stokes McCune 804-356-1093 or stokesmccune@aol.com

WEEKLY COLLECTION February 5 & 6

	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$4,128.55
Budget	\$3,750.00
	\$378.55
	<u>Year to date</u>
Actual	\$120,602.93
Budget	\$120,000.00
	\$602.93

Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving

MASS ATTENDANCE:

2/5 at 5:30: 22
2/6 at 10:45: 137



2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Together, we bestow His first fruits

Many of you received a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2022 Annual Appeal. For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our Digital In-Pew pledge process at all Masses during the first and second weekend of March. *Jesus reminds us that we are at our richest when we give generously, breaking free from self-reliance and opening ourselves up more completely to God. With this truth in mind, please consider how the Lord might be calling you to contribute to our Annual Diocesan Appeal.*

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