

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

January 29th & 30th 2022

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times:

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

Join us after 10:45 mass
for refreshments and
fellowship



Sharing Sunday

February 6th. Remember
to bring nonperishables
items. Table set up in hall.

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:

Next Wednesday **February 2, The Presentation of the Lord**, will be observed worldwide in all catholic churches as a very important **Feast** to all Catholics.

This Feast celebrates an early episode in the life of Jesus on his first appearance in the temple **forty days** after his birth at Christmas. It shows how God entered his temple, and Jesus' presentation signifies this entry presenting Himself to those who were really searching for Him. And as the prophet Malachi puts it; "I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord who you seek. (Mal. 3:1)

Such an event is described in Luke 2:22-40, where Joseph and Mary being Jews in obedience to the Mosaic Law in Lev. 12, Ex 13:12-15, took the option provided for people who could not afford a lamb (Lev. 12:8), to offer sacrifice forty days after the birth of their male child, Jesus.

This ritual ceremony later in history, on every **2nd February** annually, became the day of blessing and distribution of candles, and the procession of these candles inaugurated by Pope Sergius, as included in the liturgy these days giving the feast its name "**Candlemas.**"

Since Christ himself is the light of the world (Jn. 8:12), we also become light, if we receive it from him and make it shine in our lives. The procession with the candles before the mass just like we do at every Easter Vigil, shows that by burning the candle and being consumed in it, a ray of his love pours forth to us its gift of light

exhausting in silent sacrifice (Cf. Pope Paul VI).

Let us all go to draw strength on this day from Christ who is our light.

– Father Maxwell

News & Announcements:

COATS FOR KIDS

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their Coats for Kids campaign the next three weeks.

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

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

K of C Brunswick Stew

All those who ordered Brunswick Stew it will be here on the 29th – 30th. Any extra Brunswick stew will be available on a first come first serve basis. The cost of the stew will be \$9.00 per quart.

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.

Adult Education Bible Series

The cluster of St. Patrick, St. Peter and St John's parishes will be offering an adult education bible study series entitled "Genesis to Jesus", starting on Monday February 7 in the St. John's social hall at 1:45 in the afternoon. This series is from the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology and is hosted by Matthew Leonard, who also hosted the "Bible and the Virgin Mary" series as well as produced and directed Bishop Barron's "Catholicism" series. If you would like the course book you may order it at <https://stpaulcenter.com>

For more information call or text Dan Mages at 804-614-5623. If you are interested in this course but are unable to make it during weekdays, please call or text me. If any interest is shown in evening sessions, we will hold them beginning immediately after Easter.

Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

followed by Adoration at St. John

Everyone is invited to attend Mass on Wednesday, **February 2**, at 6 pm at St. John's to celebrate the Feast of **The Presentation of the Lord, followed by Adoration.** Please bring your baptismal candle. If you can't find it, we will provide one for you. Mass begins with blessing of candles and procession of all parishioners from the commons into the church.

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.

Blessing of the Throats

In February the Church recognizes the Feast Day of St. Blaise. On this day the Church gives a "Blessing of the Throats," especially to those afflicted with illness of the throat. We will celebrate Mass with the Blessing of Throats on Thursday, February 3rd, at the 8:30 daily Mass at St. John and the 12:05 Mass at St. Peter. All are welcome to attend and receive the special blessing.



WEEKLY COLLECTION

January 22 & 23

	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$2,841.55
Budget	<u>\$3,750.00</u>
	(\$908.45)
	<u>Year to date</u>
Actual	\$113,452.82
Budget	<u>\$112,500.00</u>
	\$952.82

Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving

MASS ATTENDANCE:

1/22 at 5:30: 28

1/23 at 10:45: 122

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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.